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UNDER HEADING "PREMIER KOOBAR SAYS" CYRENAICA WEEKLY NEWS MAY 10 CARRIED ITEM CONCERNING TWO QUESTIONS ADDRESSED BY ITS CORRESPONDENT TO PRIMIN AT LATTERS PRESS CONFERENCE TRIPOLI LAST MONTH, ONE OF WHICH CONCERNED US-LIBYAN FINANCIAL NEGOTIATIONS, AS FOLLOWS:

"IS IT CORRECT THAT HESITATION OF AMERICAN GOVT IN ACCEPTING LIBYAN PROPOSAL ON CONTROL OVER AMERICAN FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE IS MAIN REASON FOR DELAY IN LIBYAN-AMERICAN TALKS ON AMENDMENT OF 1954 AGREEMENT AND PRESENTATION DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL LAW TO PARLIAMENT?"

ITEM CONTINUED:

"TO OUR QUESTION ON REASONS FOR DELAY IN LIBYAN-AMERICAN NEGOTIATIONS ON REVIEW OF 1954 AGREEMENT AND IN SUBMITTING LIBYAN DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL LAW TO PARLIAMENT, PREMIER STATED THAT US GOVT HAS SHOWN NO RPT NO HESITATION IN ACCEPTING LIBYAN PROPOSAL TO TAKE OVER COMPLETE CONTROL OF AMERICAN ASSISTANCE".

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